

JUDGE GOFF MAY SUCCEED JUSTICE HARLAN ON BENCH POST CARD RULING ON DUE ACCOUNTS

Prohibits the Use of Mails for
Certain Kinds of
Cards.

Recent instructions from the postoffice department make it necessary for the local gas companies, several fraternal organizations and some business enterprises to make a change in the form of postal card statements heretofore issued by them. No postal card which bears the statement of a past due account, whether marked on the postal card or not, is mailable and postmasters have received instructions to use special vigilance in the matter.

Some difficulty has been experienced in getting a definite statement of the style of card which is mailable from the postoffice department, and several forms of statements were submitted for approval or rejection. A final reply showing the department's ruling regarding the matter has been sent out.

Cards notifying a patron that an account will be due at a certain time and mailed before the account is due are mailable. Cards that bear a statement of an account already due, whether designated by the words delinquent, arrears, etc., or not, are unmailable.

The ruling of the postal department will probably result in a more rigid enforcement of the rules of the local enterprises, especially the gas companies, regarding the collection of accounts. The chances are that bills will be increased if patrons get in arrears. The only way a statement of an account past due can be mailed to a creditor is by letter.

Local companies mailing postal cards notifying patrons of accounts which will be due at a date after the mailing of the card would do well to confer with the postmaster or his assistant before having the cards printed. The insertion of one or two words may make the card unmailable.

ICE GOES UP

In City of New York Owing
to Prospect of a Coal
Strike.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—In spite of the largest ice harvest ever known, announcement was made today of an advance of twenty-five per cent in price to become effective March 1. One manufacturer said that the boost in price was occasioned by the prospect of a coal strike.

SHIFTS CHANGE

Day and Night Policemen
Exchange Beats for Two
Week Term.

Thursday was observed as the semi-monthly shift changing day at police headquarters and the night and day men exchanged beats. According to the new schedule the policemen will work as follows:

Day men—Michael Joyce, West Main street; James Simms, West Pike street; Kenneth Sappington, Glen Elk; George Howe, East End; London L. White, West End.

Night men—George Isenhardt, West Main street; Ode McCloud, West Pike street; U. G. Shope, Glen Elk; George Washington, East End; Lloyd Queen, West End.

Desk sergeant—Charles Sperry.

AN ENGINE

Crashes through the Roof of
Bank Building and Kills
Six Men.

SALT LAKE CITY, Feb. 15.—Six men were killed and several injured today when a locomotive hauling an ore train at Bingham left the track and rolling down a hill crashed through the roof of the Bingham state bank.

MOB

Lynches an Unknown Negro
and Riddles His Body
with Bullets.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Feb. 15.—A mob early today lynched an unknown negro accused of having attacked a sixteen-year-old girl. It is said that he confessed, and he was taken to a railroad bridge across Wolf river with a rope around his neck and hanged. The mob then riddled his body with bullets.

INDICTMENTS

Are Expected by the District
Attorney in a Long-
Term Case.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Indictments for conspiracy are expected by District Attorney Whitman who with the grand jury made further investigation today to determine whether improper influence was used to send Folk E. Brandt to prison for a long term on a burglary charge. The prosecutor says that he will continue the investigation even though Mortimer L. Schiff's former valet is pardoned.

FAMINE DAY

Is to Be Observed All Over
the United States on
March 10.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—March 10 is to be observed throughout the United States as famine day. Ministers of all denominations are being asked to bring before their congregations the alarming situation in China where 3,000,000 persons are on the verge of starvation.

ABBOTT DIES

As Result of Being Shot in
Theater and Stone is
Arrested.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 15.—Max Abbott, of New York, a member of a burlesque company playing here, who was shot last night after a quarrel in the theater with George Stone, died today. Stone was arrested.

SEVEN MORE MEN ARE YET WANTED

By the Government in the
Dynamite Conspiracy
Proceedings.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 15.—Reports received by government officers at noon show that all but seven of the fifty-four men indicted in the dynamite conspiracy have been arrested. The government is particularly anxious to find Michael J. Young, a member of the executive board of the structural iron workers union.

Appeals came today to President Ryan from many of the arrested men asking the union to provide them with bail, but he replied that the union was not in a position to help them.

CROWLEY FUNERAL

Will Be Held Friday Afternoon at
the Home.

The funeral of Jerry Crowley, who died at his home at Industrial Wednesday afternoon, will be held at the home Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, the Rev. Joseph Gormley leading the services. The burial will follow in the Elkview cemetery.

President Taft is Considering
Him at the White
House Today.

IS A SUITABLE MAN

For the Place But There Are
Half Dozen Who Are
Aspirants.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 15.—Judge Nathan Goff, of Clarksburg, W. Va., a member of the United States circuit court of appeals of the Fourth circuit, is being considered today by President Taft in connection with the appointment of a justice of the supreme court of the United States, to succeed the late Justice Harlan.

Judge Goff is regarded as a suitable man for the appointment. Strong influence is being brought to bear in behalf of aspirants for the position, and if Judge Goff is to be appointed, it will be necessary for his West Virginia friends to become active in his behalf. He is considered at the White House as one of about half a dozen possibilities for the place.

PITTSBURG

Trade Boosters Will Visit
This City the Latter Part
of Next May.

Clarksburg will be visited by the Pittsburgh chamber of commerce in its annual tour beginning May 21 and continuing four days. The trade extension trip will include the following cities, Marietta, Parkersburg, Cairo, Pennsylvania, Salem, Clarksburg, Weston, Buckhannon, Grafton, Philippi, Belington, Elkins, Parsons, Thomas, Davis, Keyser, Piedmont, Cumberland, Fairmont, Mannington, Morgantown, Uniontown and Connellsville.

Pittsburg is the natural distributing point for most of these towns. The larger part of the trip, however, will be devoted to West Virginia territory. These trips are made annually by the chamber of commerce with from 100 to 150 participants from representative business houses of Pittsburgh. The train will consist of a combination baggage car, two dining cars, five Pullmans and one observation car.

CORPORATION RETURNS DUE.

H. E. Reeder, deputy internal revenue collector for the Northern district, was here yesterday looking after some business matters connected with his department, says a Morgantown newspaper, and issued a warning to all corporations to make their returns before March 1. Unless this is done, the corporations will be liable to prosecution and fine.

PATENTS

Are Issued at Washington to
Several West Vir-
ginians.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Patents have been granted to West Virginia inventors as follows:
John T. Deviese, of Hilltop, for a rail bond; Benjamin McCain, Moundsville, rail fastening; William H. S. Nelson, Capon Springs, finger support for stringed instruments; Homer L. Phelps, Martinsburg, dumping wagon; and John D. Russ, Spencer, gun sight.

O'DONNELL FUNERAL

Was Held in the Church of the Im-
maculate Conception.

Funeral services over the body of John O'Donnell, who died suddenly Tuesday morning of heart trouble, were held at the Church of the Immaculate Conception Thursday morning at 10 o'clock, the Rev. Joseph Gormley celebrating a requiem high mass. The interment followed in the Holy Cross cemetery.



JUDGE NATHAN GOFF

President Taft is considering this most distinguished West Virginian for appointment as successor of the late Justice Harlan as a member of the supreme court of the United States.

FEDERAL EXPERT WILL TAKE NOTES

On the Drilling of a Well in
Tucker County, This
State.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 15.—With a view to obtaining data on the geological formation in Tucker county, Director George Otis Smith of the Geological Survey has announced that he will send Mr. Munn, one of the expert geologists of the survey, to Parsons to make notes upon the drilling of a well, which the Folk Lumber Company expects to drill to a depth of 3,000 feet.

When the company determined to drill this well in an effort to obtain a supply of good water, it was suggested to Senator Watson that important geological data might be obtained by having an expert there to observe and record the thickness and various kinds of strata passed through. Senator Watson took the matter up with the geological survey and after a good deal of correspondence in regard to the matter he has been notified that Mr. Munn will go to Parsons as soon as the work of drilling the well has begun.

It is believed that the information obtained will be of considerable value in determining the exact formation in this section of the state.

SPANGLER

Is to Be the Name of a Post-
office Soon to Be Estab-
lished in State.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—The postoffice department has notified Senator Watson of the willingness to establish a postoffice at the terminus of the Valley River Railroad in Randolph county. It was requested that the postoffice be established under the name of See, but the department declined to permit the use of that name because of another similar name in the state, which it was feared might cause confusion. The name of Spangler has been adopted and the postoffice will be established under that name as soon as a postmaster is selected. Bills introduced by Senator Watson have been reported favorably as follows: To increase the pension of John Boler, Kanawha; David Cain Walker, Bernard F. Morrow, Marshall county; Charles E. Chadcock, Parkersburg, and Henry A. S. Fernald, Clarksburg.

MEETINGS CONTINUE.

The Rev. H. R. Hess's special meetings in the United Brethren church at Northview continue with great success. There have been fifty-eight professions and there were several at the altar of prayer last night.

ROOSEVELT ROAD TRAVELED BY TAFT TOWNSEND TELLS

BIG

Mortgage is Given by the Tin
Plate Company on Its
Two Plants.

The Phillips Sheet and Tin Plate Company has issued a first mortgage on its plants here and at Weirton to the Fidelity Title and Trust Company, of Pittsburg, for \$2,000,000. The bonds are to run until February 1, 1922, and they number 2,000 of the denomination of \$1,000 each, bearing five per cent interest. The indenture has been recorded in the office of W. Guy Tetrick, county clerk, here.

INTERESTING

Facts Are Given in Annual
Report of American Bar
Association.

BALTIMORE, Md., Feb. 15.—The thirty-fourth annual report of the American Bar Association, just issued by the secretary of the association, shows the following interesting facts: 1,118 new members were elected during the year, swelling the membership to 4,701, an increase of nearly thirty per cent in one year. There is one honorary member, the Hon. James Bryce, British ambassador. Stephen S. Gregory, of Chicago, is president. There are members from all of the states, the District of Columbia, Alaska, Hawaii, Porto Rico and the Philippine Islands.

The report shows that there are forty-seven state bar associations and 306 local bar associations in the United States, besides one in the District of Columbia and one in Hawaii. The next annual meeting will be held in Milwaukee, Wis., August 27, 28 and 29, 1912.

GOEBEL'S SLAYER

Is What James Gilbert Fatal-
ly Wounded Says of
Himself.

HELENA, Ark., Feb. 15.—Fatally wounded in a duel with a bartender here today, James Gilbert, who came from Kentucky, declared that he fired the shot which killed Governor Goebel of Kentucky at Frankfort in 1900.

IS BEDFAST.

P. J. Lynch, of Hornor avenue, has been bedfast with a sprained back which he received Monday when he fell on the icy pavement. He is improving.

WATER SHUT OFF AT COURT HOUSE

Action Taken because County
Commissioners Refuse
to Pay Rental.

Water from the city mains was shut off from the court house at noon Thursday as the result of the alleged breaking of an agreement with the city by the county court. The county court refused to pay its water rent of \$110 for the last quarter.

The agreement that is charged to have been broken by the county court was entered into between that body and the city council about three years ago. By it, the county court was to cut a doorway through the basement wall of the county jail for the ingress and egress of city prisoners, the city prisoners were to be quartered without charge in the basement cells of the jail and, in return, the city was to supply water to the court house, jail and sheriff's residence without charge.

It is declared by city officials that the county court absolutely refused to live up to its part of the agreement. No door was cut through the basement wall of the jail and charges for the custody and lodging.

UNREASONABLE

Is the Proposed Advance in
the Minimum Freight
Charge.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—A proposed advance in the minimum freight charge on small packages from twenty-five to thirty-five cents on all railroads east of the Mississippi river and north of the Ohio was declared unreasonable by the Interstate Commerce Commission today.

PARKERSBURG

High School Basketball Five Passes
Through City.

The members of the Parkersburg High school basketball five passed through the city Thursday morning enroute to Fairmont where they will play the Fairmont High school five Thursday night. The game will be played in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium and a large crowd is expected to attend the game, as the Parkersburg boys have a fast team.

His Auditors at a Republican
Rally in the State of
Michigan.

GOOD TERM DESERVES

Another, He Says, and Hon-
est Men Do Not Fear
the Law.

ADRIAN, Mich., Feb. 15.—Three days Roosevelt pointed the way: William H. Taft has traveled the road, declared Senator Townsend at a Republican rally here last night, in the course of an endorsement of President Taft, his policies and his administration. Colonel Roosevelt was mentioned frequently in the senator's speech, but not in criticism. In President Taft's administration (the senator declared) he found so much to commend and so little to condemn that he wondered why any Republican should be in doubt as to his duty.

Two classes of men, Senator Townsend said, were opposing the re-nomination and re-election of Mr. Taft. "First, the great malefactors of wealth," he declared, "they insist that the president is unsafe and that legitimate business is threatened. I submit, no honest business man in this country, big or little, has any fear of law. Only offenders who know they have violated the law are now crying out against the president's policy of enforcing the statutes."

"There is another class of men opposing the president and they have opposed every act, either directly or indirectly, which in any way has proposed reform and meant nothing is genuine that does not have their name blown in the bottle."

Senator Townsend referred to the "fancied grievance" of the farmers against President Taft because of his stand on Canadian reciprocity and the tariff. "I have hopes and I still have faith that the American farmer will realize soon that the president is his real friend," he said.

The achievements of President Taft's administration Senator Townsend took up in detail. He defended the president for his stand on the tariff revision of the extra session of congress. Bills were framed so hurriedly, he said, that Congress itself did not know what was in them.

"And when the cotton bill went to the president an investigation showed that some of the duties had actually been raised instead of reduced," declared the senator. He commended the work of the tariff board unreservedly.

Republican party platform pledges for monetary reform a postal savings system, the enforcement of the Sherman and anti-trust law, an employers liability law, the creation of a bureau of mines, conservation of natural resources and regulation of interstate railroads, had all been fulfilled or were in process of fulfillment, he said.

Senator Townsend devoted a large portion of his speech to extolling the president's conservatism and he pointed to the revolution in Mexico, troubles in China and Central America and the treaty of commerce with Russia, as instances where lack of conservatism would have been of great consequence. The Russian negotiations, he said, demonstrated more than anything else the qualifications of Mr. Taft for the presidency.

The pending arbitration treaties with England and France, Senator Townsend endorsed, saying if they did not already guard the constitutional rights of the senate he would vote for them with such amendments.

"A second term for the president had always been the rule for the Republican party except in two cases—President Hayes and President Roosevelt; neither desired a re-nomination he said.

"I submit, however, that as a party principle the precedent of re-nominating a man who has given a good administration is a wise one. Four years is too short a time for a president to accomplish the things he ought to do. The failure to re-nominate a man who is willing to stand for re-election means a repudiation of his administration and is equivalent to a condemnation of the party responsible for that administration."

"One good term deserves another."

A. E. Woods, a prominent automobile man of Marietta, O., is in the city looking after business matters.